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In the Application of)
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Title: A CONTROL ROD AND A CONTROL)
ROD BLADE FOR A BOILING WATER) Art Unit: 3663
REACTOR)
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.121**

Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is submitted in response to a non-final Office Action having a mailing date of May 8, 2007 and a statutory period for response that expired on August 8, 2007. Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time equal to one (1) month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), extending the period of reply through September 8, 2007.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.